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the cave is a beautiful illustration of cave formation. When a freshet or rain storm is in progress in the far-off mountains this stream is sure to be affected. Residents say that the water comes out with such force sometimes that one can hear it for miles. This then to me is the secret of the whole thing. The mountain has been burst asunder by the continued force of water. The *Adiantum Capillus-Veneris* has certainly an affinity for this geological formation. The carbonate of lime and the water is its very life. There it grows, in its own selected home, as it never grew before; and it is to be hoped no hand of vandalism will ever destroy it. This scene is now a perfect gem of Nature's handiwork, in every sense.

I impressed Major Wallace, a gentleman who has some influence in this quarter, with the importance of having this spot protected. Next year there will be a great rush of visitors to this place, and, without some restriction, they will soon uproot every frond. The fern is found plentiful about two miles further up the river; and those desiring specimens can get them there. I may state I found this fern only in places surrounded by such conditions as have already been mentioned.

Louisville, Ky., Aug. 18.

JOHN WILLIAMSON.

§ 73. **Asplenium ebenoides**, R. R. Scott, in **New York State**.—I send, herewith, a frond of *Asplenium ebenoides*, R. R. Scott, which I found yesterday (Aug. 6th), on limestone rocks about four miles S. E. of Poughkeepsie. There were but three plants, and I secured but three fronds. I will give the locality a more thorough looking over, later on, and hope to find some more. *Asplenium ebeneum*, Ait., and *Camptosorus* were, as usually the case, growing with it—all three within a space of about a foot square. In these plants the veins anastomose quite frequently—about 24 times in the frond that I have. Prof. Eaton describes the venation in his specimens as everywhere free. I have never seen this fern mentioned as having been found in New York before; but, whether it has, or has not been, it certainly is very scarce, and worthy of being recorded in the BULLETIN.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

CLARENCE LOWN.

§ 74. **Fendler's Trinidad Ferns**.—The sets of the second, or supplementary distribution, of this fine collection are now at Prof. Eaton's Herbarium. Several sets (including the first distribution) are still unsold.

§ 75. **Dr. Garber's Porto Rico Plants** are also for sale by Prof. Eaton. The sets run from 96 to 17 species, and are mostly interesting plants. That most delicate of all ferns, *Trichomanes trichoides*, is in all the sets.

§ 76. **Notes from Syracuse**.—*Plantago media*, L., has been found in the streets. It resembles *P. major*, but has soft downy leaves, and shorter petioles which are not grooved; the spikes of flowers are shorter, but the stamens are longer and brilliantly colored. Muhlenberg found it in Pennsylvania (Cat. 1813), but Dr. Gray says it is